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 CONTROL METHOD THEREOF :

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Sir:

In accordance with MPEP 609 and 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants bring the references listed on the attached PTO-1449-Form to the Examiner's attention and request that they be considered and made of record in this application. Copies of the non-U.S. patents are attached.

Japanese Laid Open Patent Publication No. 2-197747 appears to disclose an air conditioner with a control system. The international search report indicates that this reference is relevant to claims 1-13 of the international application.

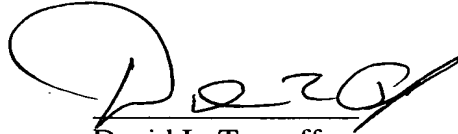
Japanese Laid-Open Patent Publication No. 7-103551 appears to disclose an air conditioner that perform so-called powerful operation for temporarily increasing the operating frequency of the compressor, the fan speed, or the like and enhancing the air conditioning capacity according to an instruction entered by a user during cooling operation, heating operation, or the like.

Japanese Laid Open Publication No. 2000-46402 appears to disclose an air conditioner with a control system. The international search report indicates that this reference is relevant to claims 1-13 of the international application.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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